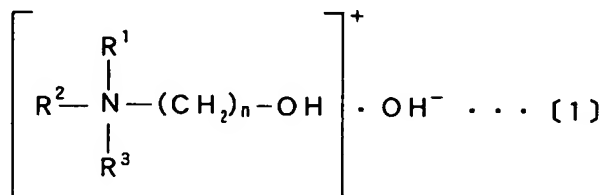


**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. – 4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing corrosion of metal in a steam generating unit, comprising:

preparing a quaternary ammonium compound described by general formula [1] below:



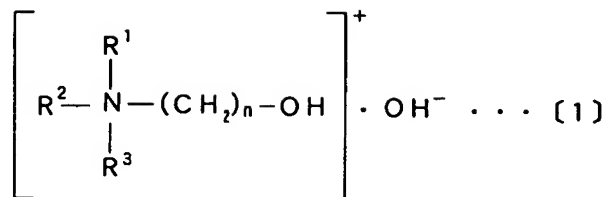
(wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  are the same or different hydrocarbon radicals with 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and  $n$  is an integer between 1 and 10), and

adding the quaternary ammonium compound in the range of 0.4 - 4mg/L to feed water which contacts the inside of the steam generating unit such that a pH value of the feed water is controlled to 8.5 - 9.5.

6. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing corrosion of metal in an atmospheric distillation column for petroleum refining process, comprising:

preparing a quaternary ammonium compound described by general formula [1] below:



(in which  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  are the same or different hydrocarbon radicals with 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and  $n$  is an integer between 1 and 10), and

adding only the quaternary ammonium compound to fluid which contacts the inside of the atmospheric distillation column for petroleum refining process such that a pH value thereof at the top line of the atmospheric distillation column is 5.5-6.5.

9. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting formation of hydrogen chloride in a crude oil atmospheric distillation unit, comprising:

preparing ( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl) trimethylammonium hydroxide; and

adding only the ( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl) trimethylammonium hydroxide to the desalted crude oil in between a crude oil desalter and a main distillation column in the crude oil atmospheric distillation unit.

12. (Original) The method for inhibiting formation of hydrogen chloride in a crude oil atmospheric distillation unit according to Claim 11, wherein the ( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl)

trimethylammonium hydroxide content is controlled to 0.1 - 5 times by molar equivalent the salts content in the desalted crude oil.

13. (Original) The method for inhibiting formation of hydrogen chloride in a crude oil atmospheric distillation unit according to Claim 11, wherein the chloride ion concentration or pH of the condensed water in the main distillation unit is measured, and the ( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl) trimethylammonium hydroxide content is controlled based on the measurement results.

14. (Original) The method for inhibiting formation of hydrogen chloride in a crude oil atmospheric distillation unit according to Claims 11, wherein the ( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl) trimethylammonium hydroxide content is controlled such that the chloride ion concentration (sodium chloride conversion) of the overhead receiver water is 0-30 mg/L or the pH of the overhead receiver water is 5.5 - 7.0.